

## A PSYCHIC READER.

Miss Maud Lancaster, of London, Surpasses Bishop and All the Others.

NO CONTINUED PERSONAL CONTACT TO GUIDE HER.

EVEN THE KNOWING ONES PUZZLED.

A slender, pale young woman, with thin, nervous lips, a strong, straight nose, dark eyes and a high forehead, gave an exhibition of mind-reading or thought transfer in the parlors of the St. James Hotel last evening. It was far more remarkable than the performances given by the late Washington Irving Bishop, or any of the other mind-readers who have appeared in New York.

The young woman came to this city with a flourish of trumpets. No skillful press agent had boomed her. She brought with her strong letters of introduction to private individuals. No promises were made for her. George Witherspoon and Charles MacMahon, who will manage her affairs, simply invited a few people to "a private exhibition of the powers of thought-transfer."

The young woman is Miss Maud Lancaster, of London. She is about thirty years old, and she isn't pretty. She has been giving exhibitions in England for about six years, and she is said to have a great voice over there. Those who saw her last night were quite ready to believe it.

Among those in the St. James parlors last night were Dr. Wynn, Dr. Cyrus Edson, Dr. George W. Weld, George Crouch, A. H. Hummel, Louis B. Hausman, Police Captain O'Connor, Fleming Tuckerman and a number of ladies.

There is no nonsense about Miss Lancaster. She came into the room wearing a light lavender silk frock. Her arms were bare. She wears a ring on the index finger of her left hand. In a peculiarly soft and pleasant voice, she asked that those in the room concentrate their minds upon the different objects as they came up.

The extraordinary thing about this mind-reader is that she had no medium. She takes no one's hand, as did Bishop. She goes through her performance without personal contact. That is what makes it so mysterious and uncanny.

While Miss Lancaster was out of the room some one hid a pin in a lambrquin. It will be remembered that Mr. Bishop performed this feat, but he clasped the hand of some one who had seen the pin hid. Miss Lancaster came into the room blindfolded. She moved towards the middle of the room uncertainly. Then she began waving her arms up and down. Her hands were stretched out straight, the fingers close together. She glanced about the room, occasionally touching a shoulder. Then she placed her hand upon the pin, and everybody clapped their hands.

There were in the room three pink and a white rose. While Miss Lancaster was in the hall Mr. Hummel selected the

ladies upon whom the pinks should be bestowed and the man who was to receive the rose. The mind-reader came in blindfolded. She went to the table where the flowers were lying and picked up a pink. Still waving her hands she occasionally stooped low, as if one does when feeling for a current of air. She moved past way around the table, hesitated, and then returned. Just before she announced that she had found the person who was to receive the pink, she drew her fingers along the side of the face, just below the ears. This characterized all her exhibitions in which she was to find persons.

With equal precision she gave the pinks to the other women who were to receive them, and the proper man got the flower. It seemed very wonderful, and several men went out in the hall to look for an explanation.

Miss Lancaster pleasantly announced that if some one would steal something she would point out the robber, the location and find the stolen property. Dr. Edson consented to impersonate the thief. He took a ring from Dr. Wynn's finger and hid it in the sofa. The mind-reader promptly pointed out Dr. Edson, which was a good thing to remark that she must have known that the doctor is in public life. She hunted hands for a ring for a long time. Finally she found it and took it to Dr. Wynn.

The finding of a card amazed Mr. Hummel and Capt. O'Connor more than anything else. Mr. Hummel selected the card. It was a card from Dr. Wynn to the inside pocket of a young man who was sitting behind other people next to him. Miss Lancaster moved out, apparently following thought currents or something of that kind, and came to a stop next to the person with the card. Miss Lancaster turned away from the young man, but she went back to him and through his pockets. She seemed bothered. Suddenly an impression struck her, and she turned to the next man and found the card.

Then she asked those about her to concentrate their minds on the card. She gripped her hands, saying slowly, "It is a spade, the ace of spades." Dr. Edson, who was sitting next to her, later in the evening he had Miss Lancaster repeat the trick. He made a card, a spade, and she watched this himself. She was successful at the first try. That beats me, said the perplexed Captain.

"Now," said Miss Lancaster, cheerfully, "I will select some one who will be cutting someone's throat. I will try and point out the knife, the murderer and the corpse. Now, please place some knives on the table."

Nine pocket-knives were placed there. Mr. Hummel suggested that Dr. Edson ought to do the murder, as he was used to do. But Fleming Tuckerman announced that he would not let that doctor. Thereupon he arose, picked up a tiny knife, approached Francis St. George Hove, and threw the blade across Mr. Hove's throat, thereby making him the murdered man. Mr. Tuckerman returned the knife to the table.

Miss Lancaster hovered over those knives for a long time, occasionally reaching out her arm in an uncomfortable way, as if to catch hold of something. After a long time she picked up the wrong knife.

"There seems to be much uncertainty," she said. "Are you sure you all know the knife?" Then she came out that people were very much mixed up about those knives. Miss Lancaster went out of the room and the knife was held up. Then she selected it quickly. Almost immediately she pointed out Mr. Tuckerman as the murderer. She was in much doubt about the corpse, but after rubbing Francis St. George Hove's ears for a few minutes she announced that he was the dead man.

The last test was perhaps the most remarkable of all. She was to define the number of a bank note. When Miss Lancaster was informed that the note was a five dollar note, she said, "I couldn't call them. So five of them were selected. Around and around the room she circled, stopping now and then to touch people's shoulders in her curious way. First she called out "eleven," then "four," then "five," then "1485." In this room she seemed to suffer a heavy strain. She said it was the most difficult she had ever had. Miss Lancaster doesn't call it psychical science, as some people have. She can't explain it very satisfactorily. She says that all she does is make her mind blank, and then she receives impressions.

## BECKONS TO JESUITS.

Reichstag Adopts a Motion to Re-admit Them Into Germany.

BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT LIKELY TO CONSENT.

CENTRISTS SHOW THEIR STRENGTH.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—The Reichstag adopted, by a vote of 173 to 126, the motion introduced today by the Centrists to readmit the Jesuits into Germany.

No member of the Government party took any share in the debate, which was chiefly taken by the maiden speech of Herr Sieb, editor of the Bavarian Catholic organ, and well known for his anti-Jesuitism, which have gained for him the sobriquet of "The Prussian Killer." He convulsed the house by saying that the recall of the Jesuits would be dangerous, since the deluge was sure to come and drown them too.

The vote will have no practical result. It has been fully understood from the first that the Government would not accept the bill, and the Centrists, in bringing the motion to a vote, only wished to prove their ability to command enough members to embarrass the Government and to carry other points if they so desired.

In this sense the largeness of the majority in favor of the motion caused a decided sensation. It comprised Ultramontanes, Poles, Guelphs, Alsatians, Socialists, members of the People's party and Radicals of all shades opposed to exception laws of any kind.

Count Hompesch-Ruenich, on behalf of the Centre party, made a short speech in justification of the motion.

Dr. Lohse, after declaring that the Catholic Church required the services of the Jesuits in order to enable it to discharge its divine mission, repelled the charge against the Curia to the effect that it is pursuing a policy inimical to German national interests.

"Cardinal Rampolla, the Papal Secretary of State," said Lieber, "only recently declared that the Holy See avoids all interference in the political organizations both of the Dreibund and of the powers opposed to it. But if it should ever occur that the Holy See displays an intention to place its policy friendly to the Russo-French alliance, German Catholics will not allow their interpretation of the dogma of Papal infallibility to be so stretched as to deter them from fulfilling their political duties to the German people and to the German Empire." (Cheers.)

When the cheering had subsided Dr. Lieber said that the Catholics adhered to the course they have hitherto followed and will remain faithful to the Emperor and to the empire, loyally devoted to the Fatherland. (Loud cheering.)

The public interest in the debate was shown by the immense crowds which gathered in front of the Reichstag, despite the drizzling rain. The police had considerable difficulty in keeping a passage clear for the Deputies.

The scene strongly resembled that witnessed during the debates on the Army bill. The galleries in the Reichstag were packed, and from the beginning to the close of the debate the utmost interest was evinced by all the spectators.

During the evening session, Anti-Semites introduced a motion against the immigration of Hebrews into Germany and against the American Hebrew mode of slaughtering cattle.

The Socialists introduced a motion advocating immunity from arrest or prosecution of Deputies during the session without the consent of the Reichstag.

The Post-office authorities will adopt strict regulations for handling all packages addressed either to the Emperor or to the members of his family, or high officials of the Imperial court.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A M. A. Berlin dispatch says that the Prussian Government may feel disposed to challenge the hostility of a powerful party and a large section of the nation for the purpose of maintaining on the statute books a law which practically belongs to a closed chapter in German history.

After the close of the Franco-Prussian war in the course of which the dogma of Papal infallibility was proclaimed, the empire was imperilled by 171 tramontane intrigues. With his usual promptitude, he took the necessary steps to suppress the intrigues.

His began in 1872 with the expulsion of the Jesuits from the Prussian territory by the famous May laws. Introduced by Dr. Falk, the energetic Minister of Public Instruction, they were designed to deprive the Jesuits of their right to hold office and to receive a certain amount of money as stipend.

That every ecclesiastical appointment should receive the sanction of the secular authorities was also set up. This legislation, which the Pope denounced as invalid, was disapproved by the Catholic Bishops, and Prince Bismarck, supported by Dr. Falk, imposed penalties upon the contributors of the Government were withdrawn from the clergy, who incurred a severe religious order dissolved, and the administration of church property was taken from the clergy and invested in bodies of laymen.

These acts served to alienate from Prussia the sympathy of the majority of German Catholics.

LOCKJAW ENDED IN DEATH.

After Sixty-eight Hours of Terrible Agony Young Farrell Hughes Died in Convulsion.

Fifteen-year-old Farrell Hughes, of College Point, who was seized with lockjaw Wednesday as a result of a fracture of the bones of his wrist, died yesterday morning at his mother's home. The last hours of his life were filled with indescribable suffering. Convulsion after convulsion racked his frame and distorted his features until the end came.

It had been Mrs. Hughes' custom for many years to gather her five sons and three daughters under her roof on Thanksgiving Day. The children came home as usual Thursday only to find their favorite younger brother on his death-bed. The day of rejoicing was changed to one of lamentation.

The lad fell through a hatchway in a store on Chambers street where he was employed and fractured his right wrist and two fingers on his left hand. He was attended to at Chambers street Hospital. He went to the home of his brother Sylvester, No. 37 Sullivan street, and died there. The boy went home. Last Tuesday the hospital surgeons examined his wounds and assured him that they were healed. During the night an hour later, at noon, he sat down to lunch at his brother's table. Suddenly he ceased eating, pointing to his laws, extending his arms that he could not move them. He was taken home, but neither his mother nor his brother realized his condition. During the night Mrs. Hughes became alarmed and summoned Dr. Lawrence, the family physician.

Convulsions set in Wednesday night. They were so dreadful that the mother was frequently compelled to leave the room, the sight was so distressing. During the night he rapidly decreasing intervals. Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock Dr. Lawrence came in. While he was at the bedside a severe seizure seized the boy and he died in a few minutes. The funeral will take place today.

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